

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, February 8, 2010**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:56 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis, ex officio; Ms. Nicole Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Committee Member Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8 was excused.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Call called the meeting to order and asked for approval of minutes from the meetings of the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing held on January 11, 2010 and January 25, 2010.

Supervisor D. Davis stated a correction would need to be made on Page 4, Paragraph 4. The Committee Member name was omitted.

Ms. Austin stated the correction would be made.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member C. Davis to **approve** the minutes as corrected. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

- A. Mr. Micah Miley, Director of Engineering, Re:**
1. Strathmore Sewer Contract.

Mr. Miley stated that Berkeley County Water & Sanitation, (BCWS), enters into contracts anytime the development of a property taps into water or sewer. During the construction of private development site it is determined if BCWS can participate with the developer to meet the Master Plan for the area. Strathmore is an industrial subdivision located at Jedburg Road and I-26. During the proposed widening of Jedburg and the interstate, the existing gravity sewer and water main will be impacted by the project. When the developer is constructing their roadways, they could relocate water and sewer lines. This is the most cost effective and best use of the land so that additional easements would not have to be reserved.

This project estimate is \$180,000. It is requested that the BCWS Executive Director be authorized to execute this contract not to exceed \$200,000.

Committee Member Farley inquired if the contract limit for the BCWS Executive Director is to be modified from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for this contract only.

Mr. Miley replied the \$200,000 is for the Strathmore project only.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **approve** that the BCWS Executive Director be authorized to execute the **Strathmore Sewer Contract** in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

2. 2010 Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Engineering Contract.

Mr. Miley recommended awarding the 2010 Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Engineering Contract to Jordan, Jones and Goulding in the amount of \$260,000.

Committee Member Fish stated that the contract did not show any figures.

Mr. Miley replied that this contract is for engineering. The cost proposals were evaluated during the contract negotiations using a Cost Curve which was developed by Rural Development. Professional services are not based on dollar value.

Committee Member Farley reported that sink holes have appeared on the Murray Blvd. and Dixon Drive rehab site. Mr. Mixson resides near the site of the sink holes.

Mr. Miley replied that the rehab site would be evaluated as soon as possible.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Fish to **approve** awarding the contract for the **2010 Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Engineering Contract** to Jordan, Jones and Goulding in the amount of \$260,000. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

3. Lower Berkeley WWTP Phase III, Change Order.

Mr. Miley stated that the Change Order is for a portion of the Electrical Master Plan for the Lower Berkeley WWTP, Phase III. It is more cost effective to incorporate the changes to an existing contract. The trenches will be opened to facilitate the movement of equipment and electrical components to less corrosive areas. It is recommended to award the Change Order contract to Wharton Smith, Inc. in the amount of \$411,258.26. This is an increase to the scope of the project and parts, labor and materials have been evaluated. The change order amount is less than the budgeted amount for this level of work.

Committee Member Callanan inquired as to the budgeted amount for this level of work.

Mr. Miley responded that the entire work for the Electrical Master Plan was budgeted at \$1.5 million. The design work, this change order and the estimates for the remaining work will be under budget.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member C. Davis to **approve** the awarding of the contract for the **Lower Berkeley WWTP Phase III, Change Order** to Wharton Smith, Inc. in the amount of \$411,258.26. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

B. Mr. John F. Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re: Presentation of Heavy Equipment Bid Package.

Mr. Hamer stated that a Sub-Committee was formed to evaluate the Best Value Bid package for a dozer. The Sub-Committee recommended several changes. The Scope of Work was discussed with regards to the Total Life Cycle Cost and the Repurchase Price. The weights for the scoring for the Best Value Bid were modified. The Equipment Purchase Price has a valuation of 40% and includes the price, tax, extended warranty and total service agreement. The Guaranteed Buy Back was valued at 25%.

Committee Member Callanan inquired if the Total Life Cycle Cost includes the Repurchase Price?

Mr. Hamer replied that the Repurchase Price is still part of the Total Life Cycle Cost. The Full Extended Warranty is still 10% and the Service Agreement was modified to Guaranteed Response Time at 10%. The company is given two chances to meet the Response Time during the life of the contract. A penalty of a \$50 credit will be imposed if the Response Time is exceeded more than 30 minutes.

Committee Member Callanan stated that would be a way to lock down on performance on warranty issues and service contracts. He inquired if the vendors would have issue with the penalty.

Mr. Hamer replied that the penalty had not been discussed with the vendors. A Pre-Bid Conference could be held to discuss the bid package with the vendors. The References were reduced to a 5% valuation. It was added that the County would be a part of the evaluation on previous history. Delivery of the Unit was added with a 5% valuation. The Additional Features were reduced to 5%. The Trade In Option was not fully discussed but the equipment would be placed with Gov.Deal or auctions to get the best value and would not be used as part of the evaluation.

Committee Member Callanan stated that the used equipment market is very weak at this time. Is there a process where local equipment that is barely used could be found at well below the market price? Is there a formula to find the cost of this equipment plus maintenance with the

contracts? New equipment is preferred, but the equipment market is so weak, there might be some bargains on the market.

Mr. Hamer replied that used equipment has been considered in the past on an Alternate Bid with a stated amount of hours. At an auction, the equipment has to be evaluated onsite. There would be no extended warranty and no service agreement.

Chairman Call expressed gratitude to the staff and Committee Members that served on the Sub-Committee and Committee Members Schurlknight and Farley that were also present and Ms. Austin, who kept the minutes.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to **approve** the **Best Value Bid** package. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member C. Davis to **adjourn** the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 7:16 pm.

March 22, 2010
Date Approved